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## Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Dear Sirs:

This letter shall serve to confirm our meeting of October 9, 1981 during which Lisa Thorvig and I discussed with you and your consultant Barr Engineering a proposed work plan for a ground water investigation of a laboratory waste disposal site located at 2010 East Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. In our discussions Lisa and I presented several concerns we had with the proposed plan and in turn you assured us that alterations of the plan would be made to accommodate those concerns.

In an attempt to summarize the conclusions reached at our meeting I have prepared a general outline of the areas in the work plan that we understand additions and/or changes will be made.

Bedrock Boring/Piezometer - Once the initial bedrock boring is drilled, piezometers are installed around the perimeter of the site and local geology is determined, it was agreed that an interim report would be prepared to discuss the feasibility of installing two additional Platteville piezometers and subsequently bedrock monitoring wells.

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## 2. Well Search/Sampling

- Platteville Limestone or St. Peter Sandstone wells in the area, Lisa Thorvig or I would be notified of their locations. This would be done in order that we might have an opportunity to review their locations and split ground water samples if so desired. There was also discussion that at least three of the five wells selected would be to the Southwest of the site in the probable direction of ground water flow.
- b. It was also agreed that the analytical parameters listed in Table 1 of the plan may not be a complete list of contaminants present in the ground water under the site. In order to identify which parameters should be tested for in the phase one study, we agreed that a water sample should be collected from the small diameter piezometer originally placed on the property by Soil Exploration Company and analyzed for all parameters, except the pesticides, on EPA's priority pollutant list. The results from that analysis would then provide us with a final list of parameters to test for in the phase one study.
- 3. <u>Quality Assurance Program</u> It was agreed that the phase one study report will include Serco Laboratories precision and accuracy data as well as the results of field blank analyses.

Based upon your acceptance of the above changes and additions, Lisa Thorvig and I approve of your September 30, 1981 work plan as an acceptable phase one study. Please note that this approval does not waive our right to request additional phases of study if warranted.

Lisa and I appreciate the continued copperation General Mills, Incorporated has shown thus far and we look forward to working with you and your consultant in effort to amicably and expeditiously study and abate any possible pollution resulting from the above mentioned disposal site.

If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, feel free to contact Lisa Thorvig (612/297-3360) or myself (612/297-3717).

Sincerely,

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